

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-20 are pending. Claim 15 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer and finds support *inter alia* in the original claim. Claims 16-18 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to place the claims in a better format to comply with the U.S. practice. Support is found *inter alia* in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

Additionally, the specification has been amended to cross-reference related applications and to delete a paragraph previously added in the Preliminary Amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2007, the Examiner alleges that the present application contains the following groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a method for production of plant storage lipids by providing an enzyme having phospholipids:diacylglycerol acyltransferase (PDAT), and

Group II, claims 15-20, drawn to a method of increasing PDAT activity of a plant.

Applicants believe that the Restriction is rendered moot in view of the present amendment, in which the claims of Group II, claims 15-20, have been amended to direct to the same process as claimed in the claims of Group I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the present Restriction Requirement as moot.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees and decides to maintain the original restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-14, with traverse, for further prosecution. Applicants believe that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search this invention.

Furthermore, unity of invention was found during the international stage. As shown in the International Preliminary Examination Report and International Search Report, all claims were searched and examined together. Thus, application of PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2 by the International Examiners shows that unity exists. Since the search has already been conducted by the International Search Authority and the International Examination Authority and no lack of

unity of invention has been found, for this additional reason, there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to examine both Groups in one application.

Additionally, Applicants hereby request that a Corrected Filing Receipt be issued in this application. Due to the change of the correspondence and Power of Attorney, the attorney of record in the present application has never received the original Official Filing Receipt. Applicants therefore respectfully request that a Corrected Filing Receipt be issued, on which the Power of Attorney is properly associated with the Customer Number 23416.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13311-00005-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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